of Yamuna Vihar, Delhi for construction of a Dharamsala is under consideration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some representations have been received in this regard;

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(d) by when the allotment is likely to be made to the said Samaj of Yamuna Vihar?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) Request for allotment of land for the construction of a Dharamsala has been received from Brahmin Samaj. Allotment of land for such purposes depends upon the availability of suitable sites in the concerned localities.

Charter of demands submitted by the Indian Railways Traction Workers Association

209. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received a Memorandum of demands from the Indian Railways Traction Workers Association;

(b) if so, whether it includes a demand for introduction of "Risk Allowance" for employees exposed to occupational Risk/Hazard/Diseases;

(c) if so, what action has been taken on the said demands; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Representations from the Association were received in September, 1989 which included a demand for "Risk Allowance" for employees exposed to occupational Risk/Hazard/Diseases.

(c) and (d) Traction staff do not work under High Voltage conditions. Before starting any work on the Traction equipment, power supply is switched off and the equipment is properly earthed. Hence, there is no particular hazard involved in this working. As far as eligibility of the staff for Risk Allowance is concerned, the staff do not fulfil the criteria/guidelines laid down by the Department of Personnel and Training.

Regularisation of strike period of Junior Engineers of C.P.W.D.

210. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 37 days' strike in 1987 by the C.P.W.D. Junior Engineers was called off following an agreement between the C.P.W.D. Junior Engineers Association and the Government that the strike period would be regularised by adjusting towards some kind of leave;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Department of Personnel had left the matter to the Urban Development Ministry to decide;

(c) if so, the reasons for non-implementation of the said agreement;

(d) whether Government propose to review the matter for implementation of the said agreement; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No Sir. What was agreed to with the C.P.W.D. Junior Engineers' Association was that the matter regarding payment of pay and allowances for the period of the strike would be referred to the Department of Personnel and Training to consider whether the leave admissible to the Junior Engineers and Sectional Officers (Horticulture) can be adjusted against the period of strike